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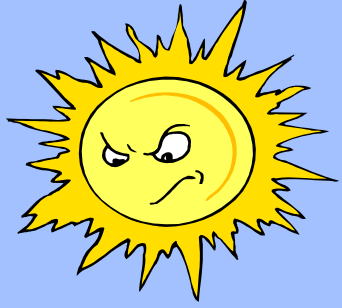

- **Be Safe**
  - ✓ Know the European road signs
  - ✓ Be aware of “high speed” autobahn traffic
  - ✓ Be familiar with hazardous secondary roads / high-risk locations in your area
  - ✓ Always wear your seatbelt

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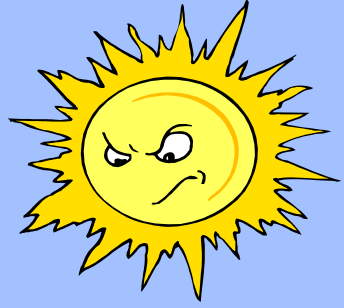

- Fog
  - ✓ Consider postponing your trip until the fog clears
  - ✓ Slow down before you enter a patch of fog
  - ✓ If your vehicle is equipped with fog lamps, turn them on
  - ✓ Be sure that you can stop within the distance that you

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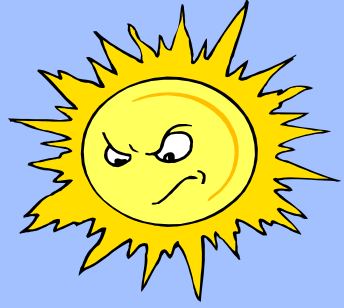

- **Fog… continued**
  - ✓ Turn on the wipers and defroster to remove moisture from the windshield
  - ✓ Use your low-beam headlamps
  - ✓ Do not use high-beams; they reflect off the fog and can reduce visibility
  - ✓ Use the right edge of the road or painted road markings as a

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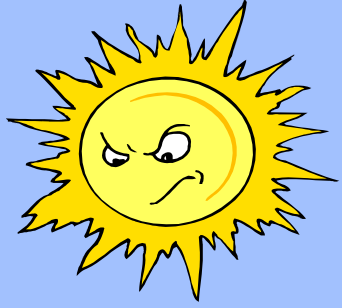

- **Fog… continued**

  - ✓ **Do not change lanes or pass other vehicles unless absolutely necessary**

  - ✓ **If you must pull off the road, signal, and then carefully pull off as far as possible**

  - ✓ **After pulling off the road, turn**

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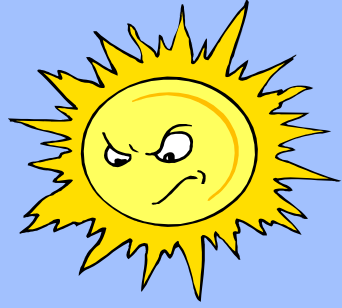

- **Rain**
  - ✓ Most important, slow down
  - ✓ Stay in middle lanes, since water tends to pool in outside lanes
  - ✓ Follow vehicles using the 3-(or more) second rule of spacing
  - ✓ Try to follow in the tracks of

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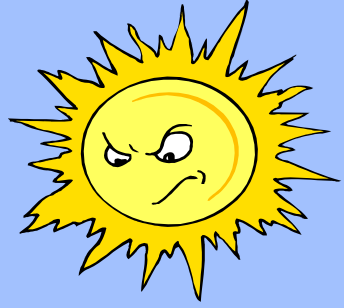

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- **Rain… continued**
  - ✓ Avoid hard braking; take your foot off the accelerator to slow down
  - ✓ Ensure tires and windshield wipers are in good condition
  - ✓ Always drive with your headlights on in wet weather
  - ✓ Never drive beyond the limits

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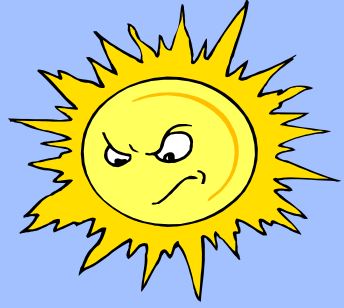

- **Rain… continued**

  ✓ **Never drive through moving water or puddles that touch the vehicle frame**

  ✓ **Beware of high winds during storms and blinding lightning at night**

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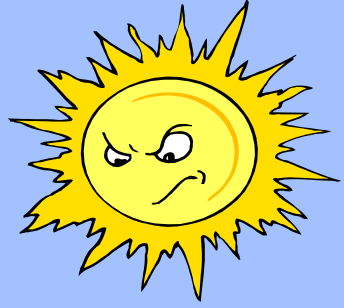

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- **Fatigue**

✓ An obvious cause of fatigue is lack of sleep

✓ Get enough rest (7-8 hours)

✓ If possible, do not drive alone

✓ Avoid long drives at night

✓ Adjust your car's environment so that it helps you keep awake and alert; keep the temperature cool and open windows

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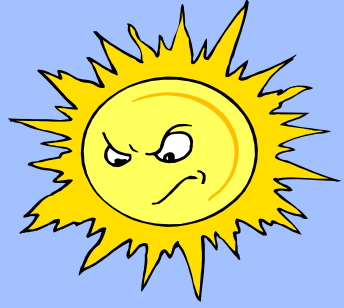

- **Fatigue… continued**
  - ✓ Take frequent breaks, get out of the car, walk around
  - ✓ In addition to exercise breaks, stop for light meals and snacks
  - ✓ Do not allow your eyes to become fatigued or hypnotized

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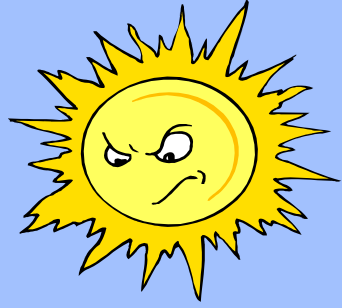

- **Fatigue… continued**
  - ✓ Break the monotony; turn the radio on for a while, then off, chew gum, stretch your legs, talk to yourself, or sing, keep your eyes moving
- **Remember:** Good planning can avoid having to deal with fatigue and can

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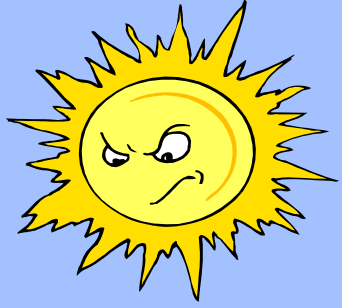

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- **Commanders / Leaders must ensure:**
  - ✓ **Drivers and operators are trained IAW driver training manuals (FM 21-305)**
  - ✓ **Driver training programs include vehicle preventive maintenance for summer-weather operations**